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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Jan 22, 2003 11:52 PM
Subject: I oppose media concentration!

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
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With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

David Riedel

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Karen Scheel

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Thank you,

Susan Acs

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From: voices@media-alliance.org
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/22/03 11:52PM
Subject: Media Concentration: reply to public comments

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The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

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San Francisco, CA, 94103

From: JARADAI@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu. Jan 23, 2003 3:10 AM
Subject: Desperated seeking help life in danger

Jamoda Ahmed
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To whom It May Concern:

I am writing to because i need help i press charges ~~on~~ my husband Mark Peters Domestic Charges and the local Pct, Housing pct, 107 Pct and my ada. My telephone is being tap and my cellular ,the verizon investigate found my phone is tap the tech names is Wayne employee code 088 and corp securities name is Ed Mack in manhattan (212)395-8225. My house telphone # (718) 267-7406 and my cellular is (646)209-0207

From: mfunk@ix.netcom.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu, Jan 23.2003 3:35 AM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

I urge the FCC to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

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Sincerely,

Michael Funk
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San Francisco, California 94122

cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Tom Lantos

From: yinglin1@msu.edu
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu. Jan 23, 2003 6:29 AM
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Sincerely, Charla Yingling 1201-D University Village
East Lansing MI 48823

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cc:
Senator Carl Levin
Representative Mike Rogers
Senator Debbie Stabenow

From: Heather_obrien@urmc.rochester.edu
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Heather O'Brien
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Rochester, New York 14626

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Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Hillary Clinton

From: noreenl@ameritech.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Thu. Jan 23, 2003 9:26 AM
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Noreen Lassandro
221 N. Grant St.
Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

cc:
Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Peter Fitzgerald
Representative Judy Biggert

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Steve Alley
P.O. Box 773
Corona, California 92878

cc:
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Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Kevin Calvert

From: gsofia33@hotmail.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/17/03 3:39PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

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Sincerely,

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Barbara Lee

From: detten@owc.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/18/03 11:38AM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

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Diane Etten
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cc:
Representative Donald Manzullo
Senator Richard Durbin
Senator Peter Fitzgerald

From: michael@immunepro.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/19/03 12:38PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

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Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

I am an educator and our family has many school age children.

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Michael Keenan
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Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Duncan Hunter

From: squinn@intersil.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/20/03 5:50PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

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Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

I feel the FCC has an obligation to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

With children consuming almost five and a half hours of media per day this obligation is critical to childrens welfare. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in the development of children.

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Shawna Quinn
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cc:
Senator Patty Murray
Representative Adam Smith
Senator Maria Cantwell

From: evolutionproject@qwest.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/21/03 10:04PM
Subject: media ownership concentration curtails freedom of the press & democracy

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Re Docket No. 02-277, as you perform the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules, I trust that your decisions and subsequent actions will support the integrity and vitality of our democracy.

Yours truly,
Lynde Wooster. CEO/Publisher
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From: rosenaf@aol.com
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Date: 1/21/03 10:05PM
Subject: Opposition to Media Concentration

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Very truly yours,
Arnold Rosen

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Thank you,
Gregory Mohr

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To: Michael Copps
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Subject: No more media concentration!

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With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the

process.

Yours Truly,

Jerri L. Higgins

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From: Glen Updike
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 1/22/03 12:13PM
Subject: Federal Communications Commission Concern

Dear Mr.Powell and other members of the F.C.C.:

My name is Glen Updike and I am writing in concern about the proposal of abandoning many of the regulations concerning media ownership in the United States. The question that you must be thinking is why would a normal person like me be concerned with this proposal? Well, the truth is this proposal will give the media into corporate hands. They will be picking what is newsworthy and what is not. This proposal will also eliminate a lot of people's voices. Especially, the youth of America which has not always been cared for. Having these corporations running the media, they will choose what is to be heard. A lot of the news that will be critical to the corporations will not be heard for obvious reasons. What is my proof for all this? Look at the Seattle WTO protesters. The media portrayed them as rowdy youths breaking stuff for no reason. These people were saying something, but the media ignored all of that just to get a better story. Things like this will happen all the time if these corporations run the media. Not just protest coverage, but other news will be left out too. Such as the problem over at Iraq and problems like corporate scandals etc. This proposal is reducing our cultural diversity and our rights of the first amendment. I am only one out of thousands of concerned youths and adults in this country. The main deal here is the media should be a democracy and not a money hungry corporation.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

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From: George Williams
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Date: 1/22/03 11:09AM
Subject: Concerning the direction on media ownership

Commissioner Copps,

As you are aware, we at the Commission are planning to substantially relax our media ownership rules. I understand that Chairman Powell is championing development of a new HHI metric for diversity that will be used to guide policy. Based on a recent briefing of this metric and some of the MOWG studies that I've examined, I do not believe the evidence currently supports this methodology.

Use of this diversity adjusted HHI requires that consumers substitute freely over such disparate media outlets as broadcast TV, radio, newspaper, and so forth. But the MOWG studies which examine this issue find meager evidence of substitution at best- nothing to justify such a bold change in policy. So far, I believe the Commissioner has been given a strongly slanted interpretation of this evidence. Our rulemaking process would benefit from a wider range of discussion of these papers.

If you like, I would be happy to brief one of your assistants on these matters. And, of course, I would appreciate your discretion regarding my sending you this email.

Sincerely,

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